

Media Release

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Villa Cathay Care Home thanks donors in achieving the fundraising goal for the Rejuvenation Project

Vancouver, B.C. Villa Cathay Care Home extends heartfelt gratitude to donors for their help in reaching the Villa Cathay Care Home's Rejuvenation Project Campaign \$6 million goal. "Today, we are extremely grateful for the generous contributions that donors have made to enable Villa Cathay Care Home to complete the long-awaited renewal and rebuild of Villa Cathay Care Home," said Lisa Donovan, Chair of the Board, Villa Cathay Care Home Society. "This milestone demonstrates to us that our donors and the community deeply believe that culturally appropriate and person-centered care are vital to the health and well-being of our seniors."

The Villa Cathay Care Home Rejuvenation Project was initiated in 2008 and finally began construction in 2016. Through the hard work and efforts from our supportive volunteers, family members and staff, the Villa Cathay Rejuvenation Project Campaign was launched in December of 2016.

"We are deeply grateful for the trust and confidence our donors and community leaders have in us," expressed Szuchi Lee, Executive Director of Villa Cathay Care Home. "Because of the unwavering support from our visionary donors, we have raised \$6.5 million in cash and commitments which not only completes the construction of the two buildings of our new care home, but also provides us with the much-needed funds to help kick-start new wellness and care enhancement programs."

The East Tower of the new Villa Cathay Care Home was completed on November 30, 2019 and is now home to 127 residents. The adjoining West Pavilion of Villa Cathay Care Home will welcome an additional 97 new residents before the end of 2021.

About Villa Cathay Care Home

Established in 1973, Villa Cathay Care Home is the first non-profit care home that provides culturally focused care for Chinese seniors in the Strathcona neighbourhood near Chinatown in Vancouver. We strive to create a home-like environment where elderly residents can find comfort, love, respect, and dignity. To meet the growing demand for culturally focused long-term care, Villa Cathay Rejuvenation Project was launched in 2016 to build a 224-bed complex care home on the same site. The new Villa Cathay Care Home aims to promote residents' privacy, sense of autonomy and self-efficacy, while implementing care enhancement programs to elevate residents' holistic wellness and quality of life. For more information, please visit our website: VillaCathay.ca

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